



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Executive Office of Housing and  
Economic Development

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Contact:**

Ryan Boehm (HED) [ryan.f.boehm@mass.gov](mailto:ryan.f.boehm@mass.gov)



## **Baker-Polito Administration Announces \$1.5 Million MassWorks Infrastructure Award for Clinton**

*Town's first MassWorks award will fund road improvements to support  
housing, commercial development*



**CLINTON** – December 11, 2019 – Today, Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy joined William Connolly, chair of the Clinton Board of Selectmen, Clinton Town Administrator Michael Ward, Senator Dean Tran,

Representative Harold Naughton, Jr. and other local leaders to announce a \$1.5 million MassWorks Infrastructure Program grant for paving and streetscape improvements on High and Church streets. The project will unlock the production of 108 affordable housing units.

Clinton's first MassWorks project leverages \$2.7 million in local funds and includes about 2,700 linear feet of roadway on High and Church streets, new drainage on High Street, pedestrian lights, new curbing, sidewalks, intersection improvements, new pedestrian and cyclist features, and other streetscape upgrades in the downtown area.

In addition to town funding, project developers JD Commercial Properties and Hutter-Pioneer will utilize \$22 million in private funding, HUD loan guarantees, and Historic Investment Tax Credits to revitalize a large portion of the historic Bigelow Spinning Mills, located just off the MassWorks project site on Route 110. The former mill space will be redeveloped into 108 units of middle-income affordable housing. Clinton was awarded a grant through the Site Readiness Program, administered by MassDevelopment, in 2017 [for a redevelopment study](#) of the Bigelow property.

"MassWorks is a valuable program that maximizes return on investment for capital funding, delivering vital infrastructure repairs that improve public safety while stimulating local and private development, job growth and housing production," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "We will continue to collaborate closely with local leaders to identify opportunities and target public resources toward the growth and wellbeing of communities across the Commonwealth."

"As former municipal leaders, Governor Baker and I know firsthand the value of flexible grant programs like MassWorks, which help communities make targeted enhancements and provide opportunities for economic development," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.** "Today's award will accelerate local commercial growth, housing, and job creation, better preparing Clinton for the future."

"The Baker-Polito Administration recognizes the importance of reliable, modern infrastructure to the safety and success of communities of all sizes," **said Housing and Economic Development Secretary Mike Kennealy.** "We are proud to award Clinton the town's first MassWorks grant, and support the town's local revitalization work to bring new commercial development and affordable housing to their community

through critical roadway and streetscape improvements.”

“The Town of Clinton has taken significant steps to increase housing production in their downtown, and today’s MassWorks award will advance new affordable housing in the community,” **said Housing and Community Development Undersecretary Janelle Chan**. “We are proud to support their efforts to be part of the solution to Massachusetts’ current housing crisis. The need for housing affects all of our communities, and we are eager to partner with cities and towns like Clinton, that prioritize housing as a tool for economic and community development.”

MassWorks improvements will also support at least seven downtown developments in various stages of concept, design, and permitting. These developments will generate 45 units of multi-family housing, 10,000 square feet of office space, and 15,500 square feet of retail space. This project builds on extensive planning and infrastructure improvements completed by the Town, including 43D Expedited Local Permitting on the mill site and nearly \$2.5 million in downtown façade, parking, road, and utility improvements over the last three years. The project complements the town’s goal to diversify housing stock, and will boost Clinton’s Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) from 8 to 10 percent.

“We are thrilled to receive this award from the MassWorks program,” **said Clinton Town Administrator Michael Ward**. “Our project is the culmination of years of planning, community engagement, and investment in the heart of our community. It will support investment and business activity and enrich the experience of residents and visitors alike. Clinton is already a great town, and is poised to flourish. We also wish to express our gratitude to the Governor and his excellent staff at the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development.”

“I am so pleased that the town of Clinton is receiving the Massworks Grant, which awards the towns generous funding to develop the roads and means of transportation as well as establish affordable housing for those in need, as well as build on multiple plans and projects completed by the town. Downtown Clinton will benefit from the improvement in infrastructure and improvements in housing for those in need,” **said Senator Dean Tran**. “I would like to thank the Baker- Polito Administration for all that they have done in helping to secure the MassWorks grant for the town of Clinton, and for their continued support of Clinton and the district.”

“This major reworking of the downtown streetscape and transportation infrastructure will strengthen the broader effort to revitalize properties throughout Clinton,” **said Representative Harold P. Naughton, Jr.** “In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration and the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, we are ensuring that Clinton and the surrounding communities continue to succeed and excel as a fantastic place to live, work and visit.”

Through the 2019 MassWorks round, the Baker-Polito Administration will award more than \$72 million in MassWorks awards to a diverse mix of 36 projects in 35 communities across the Commonwealth, including nine Gateway Cities and eight communities that will receive MassWorks funding for the first time. The awards will unlock a total of \$2.3 billion in private investment and more than 4,600 new full-time jobs, along with more than 3,100 new housing units, more than a third of which are affordable, building on the Administration’s efforts to tackle the ongoing housing shortage through complementary programs like historic funding for affordable housing and the proposed Housing Choice legislation. The transformative projects funded by the 2019 awards were selected from 92 applications, totaling \$223 million in requests.

Since 2015, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than \$456 million in MassWorks grants to support 219 shovel-ready projects in 141 communities. MassWorks funding has leveraged over \$9.2B in private investments and made possible the creation of more than 14,000 new housing units and tens of thousands of construction and permanent jobs.

Governor Baker signed economic development legislation in August 2018 that included substantial new funding for municipalities, including another \$250 million for MassWorks awards. The legislation built on the Baker-Polito Administration’s work to partner with communities to catalyze economic development and create new opportunities for residents across the Commonwealth, including the 2016 Job Creation and Workforce Development act, which authorized \$1 billion to support economic development efforts across the state, including a \$500 million authorization for the MassWorks Infrastructure Program, enhanced tools and the introduction of new strategies for job-readiness efforts.

Learn more about MassWorks [here](#).

###

*Copyright © 2019, Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development, All rights reserved.*

**Executive Office of Housing & Economic Development**

1 Ashburton Place, Room 2101, Boston, MA 02108

(617) 788-3610

[mass.gov/hed](http://mass.gov/hed) | [twitter.com/MassEOHED](https://twitter.com/MassEOHED)

---

EOHED · 1 Ashburton Pl Ste 2101 · Boston, MA 02108-1519 · USA

